

Appl. No. 10/708,798
Amdt. dated July 3, 2006
Reply to Office action of April 24, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claims 1-2 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 1-2 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haartsen et al. (US 6,405,048) in view of Zhao et al. (US 2004/0192251).

Response:

Claims 1-9 have been cancelled, and are no longer in need of consideration.

2. Rejection of claims 10-11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 10-11 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haartsen et al. (US 6,405,048) in view of Zhao et al. (US 2004/0192251) in further view of Yaqub (US 2004/0180657).

Response:

Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of original claim 18, and claim 18 has been cancelled. Claim 18 had been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 10 should now be allowable. Claims 11 and 16 are dependent on claim 10, and should be allowable if claim 10 is allowable. Reconsideration of claims 10-11 and 16 is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of claims 12-15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 12-15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haartsen et al. (US 6,405,048) and Zhao et al. (US 2004/0192251), in view of Yaqub (US 2004/0180657) in further view of Abrahamson et al. (US 2004/0109431).

Response:

Claims 12-15 and 17 are dependent on claim 10, and should be allowable if claim 10

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is allowable. Reconsideration of claims 12-15 and 17 is respectfully requested.

4. Rejection of claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haartsen et al. (US 6,405,048) in view of Zhao et al. (US 2004/0192251) and Yaqub in further view of Hsuan (US 2005/0101322).

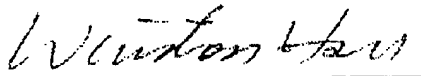
Response:

Claim 19 is dependent on claim 10, and should be allowable if claim 10 is allowable.
Reconsideration of claim 19 is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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